

B. Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A smart card system, comprising:

a smart card, comprising:

a front portion for displaying indicia;

a rear portion laminated to the front portion;

a circuit laminated between the front and rear portions;

an antenna laminated between the front and rear portions;

a power converter laminated between the front and rear portions, the power converter in communication with the antenna and the circuit, wherein the power converter supplies a power supply voltage to the circuit; and

a contact module located on the rear portion in communication with the circuit;

wherein the contact module and the front portion are located on opposite sides of the smart card; and

a portable power supply in wireless electromagnetic communication with the power converter, wherein the portable power supply is external from a smart card reader.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 1, wherein the circuit is an integrated circuit.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 2, wherein the integrated circuit further comprises:

a microprocessor;

a memory in communication with the microprocessor; and

an input/output controller in communication with the processor.

Claims 4 and 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 51, wherein the power supply voltage ranges from about 3 volts to about 5.25 volts.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 1, further comprising a magnetic stripe disposed on the rear portion of the smart card.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 1, wherein the contact module is in physical electrical contact with the circuit.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 1, wherein a depression is formed on the rear portion for receiving the contact module.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 1, further comprising an optical transceiver disposed on the rear portion of the smart card.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 1, wherein the smart card has physical dimensions of a conventional credit card.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 11, wherein the physical dimensions of the smart card vary from about 85.47mm to 85.72mm in length, about 53.92mm to 54.03mm in width and about 0.70mm and 0.90mm in thickness.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 11, wherein the physical dimensions of the smart card are about 85.60 mm length by 53.98 mm width by 0.80 mm thickness.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 11, wherein the physical dimensions of the smart card vary from about 3.36" to 3.37" in length, about 2.12" to 2.13 in width and about 0.028" to 0.035" in thickness.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 11, wherein the physical dimensions of the smart card are about 3.4" length by 2.1" width by 0.3" thickness.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 1, wherein the front and rear portions are formed from plastic.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 16, wherein the plastic is selected from the group consisting of ABS and PVC.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 1, wherein the front portion has a surface area which is entirely available for receiving indicia.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim 1, further comprising: A system for transferring information between a smart card and a smart card reader comprising:

~~a smart card including a front portion for displaying indicia; a rear portion laminated to the front portion;~~

~~a circuit laminated between the front and rear portions; and~~

~~a contact module located on the rear portion in communication with the circuit;~~

~~wherein the contact module and the front portion are located on opposite sides of the smart card; and~~

a smart card reader for receiving the smart card and transferring information between the smart card reader and the smart card by way of the contact module disposed on the rear portion of the smart card.

Claims 20 to 23 (cancelled).

Claim 24 (currently amended): The smart card system according to claim ~~22~~19, wherein the smart card reader further comprises a contactless reader portion for wirelessly reading the smart card.

Claims 25 to 38 (cancelled).

Claim 39 (currently amended): A method for transacting information in a smart card system including a ~~contact~~-smart card and a ~~contact~~-smart card reader, comprising:

generating a first electromagnetic signal having a first frequency;
wirelessly radiating the first electromagnetic signal to the smart card tuned to the first frequency from a portable power supply ohmically detached from the smart card and the smart card reader;

transmitting a signal to the ~~contact~~-smart card by way of a contact module disposed on a rear portion of the contact smart card, wherein the ~~contact~~-smart card includes a front portion for displaying indicia and wherein the contact module and the front portion of the ~~contact~~-smart card are located on opposite sides of the smart card; and

initiating communication between the ~~contact~~-smart card and the ~~contact~~-smart card reader when the ~~contact~~-smart card is inserted in the ~~contact~~-smart card reader.

Claim 40 (currently amended): The method according to claim 39, wherein transmitting the signal includes transmitting the signal from the ~~contact~~-smart card reader.

Claim 41 (currently amended): The method according to claim 39, wherein transmitting the signal includes transmitting the signal from ~~an external~~ the portable power supply ~~other than a power supply within the contact smart card reader.~~

Claim 42 (new): The smart card system according to claim 1, wherein the portable power supply generates electromagnetic energy for energizing the smart card.

Claim 43 (new): The smart card system according to claim 42, wherein the electromagnetic energy is radiated from the portable power supply to the smart card.

Claim 44 (new): The smart card system according to claim 42, wherein the portable power supply is enabled upon receiving an external electromagnetic signal.

Claim 45 (new): The smart card system according to claim 1, wherein the portable power supply further comprises:

- a battery ohmically detached from a smart card and a smart card reader;
- an oscillator in communication with the battery; and
- an antenna coupled to the oscillator.

Claim 46 (new): The smart card system according to claim 45, wherein energy from the battery is wirelessly radiated to the smart card when the portable power supply receives a signal from the smart card.

Claim 47 (new): The smart card system according to claim 46, wherein energy from the battery is wirelessly radiated to the smart card when the portable power supply receives a signal from the smart card reader.

Claim 48 (new): The smart card system according to claim 45, further comprising a switch in communication with the battery, wherein the switch enables the wireless radiation of energy from the portable power supply to the smart card.

Claim 49 (new): The smart card system according to claim 45, further comprising a housing with a retainer for receiving the smart card.

Claim 50 (new): The smart card system according to claim 49, further comprising a latch mechanically coupled to the housing for receiving the smart card, wherein the portable power supply is enabled when the smart card is inserted in the latch.

Claim 51 (new): The method according to claim 39, further comprising:
receiving a second electromagnetic signal; and
enabling the wireless radiation of the first electromagnetic signal upon receiving the second electromagnetic signal.

Claim 52 (new): The method according to claim 39, further comprising enabling the wireless radiation of the first electromagnetic signal upon receiving a signal from a switch contact closure.